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1. "Civil airlines linking Romania, Ukraine, Byelorussia and Lithuania were opened and put into operation during August 1952. They belong to the State air communication service ('Glevupr. Grazhdanskovo Flota'). The lines maintain passenger and freight communications within each of these countries and link them with the other Cominform countries."
2. "A network of airfields has been developed in the following towns: Lvov, Rovno, Luck, Kovel, Stanislav, Pinsk, Baranoviche, Lida, and Vilna. These fields are either new fields or old fields which have been repaired and expanded. Since the spring of 1952, all these airports have been equipped with radio and radar stations and with concrete runways."
3. "The passenger communication is maintained mainly by two-engine planes of the 1946-48 production, Il-12. They accommodate 28 to 33 passengers each. The freight communications are carried out by transport planes of the 'L' series. For the use of MVD organs there are special planes of greater speed, IAK-7, which have been withdrawn from the military service."
4. "At the airport in Lvov the following types of freight were loaded on planes in August: electric motors for radio relay stations (Radicouzli) in Romania, and vast quantities of leaflets and propaganda pamphlets in Russian language, destined for the Russian-Soviet Friendship Society in Romania. The passenger service was limited to carrying MVD and Party officials from the Ukrainian SSR to Romania."

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